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Dear Senator:

In connection with your forthcoming hearings on Vietnam, I thought you might be interested in seeing copies of two letters we have recently received from two members of the group called together by the Endowment in Bermuda a couple of years ago to consider the question. The author of one of them, Dan Ellsberg of RAND, tells me that he understands James Lowenstein of your committee's staff was particularly interested in this fuller statement of Ellsberg's views, which appear in compressed form in the letter signed by the six RAND social scientists which appeared in The Washington Post last Sunday.

I am consulting with colleagues here and outside on the question of whether a private and non-political group like the Endowment can make any useful contribution at this juncture, when the political heat is on. The consensus thus far is that there isn't much we can add right now. However, I would be more than grateful for your own views. I suppose one must also consider the current preoccupations of the Senate Finance Committee (it was after their hearings on foundations that I dropped in at your office last week; sorry to miss you).

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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